

The Listing of the Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A wireless network system, comprising

a plurality of access elements for wireless communication with one or more remote client elements and for communication with a central control element;

a central control element for supervising said access elements, wherein the central control element is operative to manage and control the wireless connections between the access elements and corresponding remote client elements,

wherein the central control element is further operative to

detect a session initiation message associated with a first remote client element, the session initiation message corresponding to an application layer session between the first remote client element and an end system,

process the session initiation message to determine one or more Quality-of-Service (QoS) parameters, wherein one of the one or more QoS parameters is an allocation of wireless bandwidth resources of an access element;

associate the one or more QoS parameters to the application layer session corresponding to the session initiation message, and

forward the session initiation message to a session initiation protocol server for processing of the session initiation message;

transmit the one or more QoS parameters to a first access element to which the first remote client element is associated, and

wherein the first access element is operative to

maintain wireless connections with one or more remote client elements;

reserve wireless bandwidth of the first access element for the application layer session according to the allocation of wireless bandwidth of the QoS parameter transmitted by the central control element.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising a computer network, wherein the central control element is coupled to the computer network, and wherein the central control element is

operative to

establish a tunnel with each access element for transmission of wireless traffic associated with corresponding remote client elements, and

bridge network traffic between the computer network and a remote client element through a tunnel with a corresponding access element.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2 wherein the access elements are each connected to the central control element via a direct access line.
4. (Original) The system of claim 2 wherein the access elements are each operably coupled to the computer network.
5. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the central control element, in response to the handoff of the remote client element from the first access element to a second access element, is further operative to transmit the QoS parameter defining the allocation of wireless bandwidth to the second access element.
6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the central control element is further operative to revoke previously granted QoS guarantees provided to at least one lower priority session, if enforcement of the QoS parameter defining the allocation of wireless bandwidth with all previously configured QoS parameters exceeds a limit.
7. (Original) The system of claim 6 wherein the limit is the maximum bandwidth associated with the access element.
8. (Original) The system of claim 6 wherein the limit is a configurable maximum bandwidth limit.
9. (Original) The system of claim 6 wherein the limit is a maximum number of sessions.

10. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 further comprising a session initiation protocol (SIP) server including an application layer authentication mechanism;

and wherein the central control element is operative to
maintain security states for remote client elements detected by the access
elements,

apply, at the access elements, a security mechanism to control access to
the wireless connections to remote client elements, wherein operation of the security mechanism
is based on the security states of the remote client elements, and

adjust the security state associated with a remote client element based on
its interaction with the authentication mechanism associated with the SIP server.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the central control element is operative to deny
connections with an access element to a wireless client element that fails to properly authenticate
with the authentication mechanism of the SIP server.

12. (Previously Presented) A method for dynamically configuring a QoS mechanism for
wireless sessions, comprising

receiving, at a wireless network access device, a session initiation message associated
with a wireless client remote from the wireless network access device, the session initiation
message corresponding to an application layer session between the wireless client and an end
system;

transparently processing the session initiation message to determine a Quality-of-Service
(QoS) parameter, wherein the QoS defines an allocation of wireless bandwidth resources
provided by the wireless network access device,

associating the QoS parameter to the session corresponding to the session initiation
message,

forwarding the session initiation message to a session initiation protocol server for
processing; and

enforcing, at the wireless network access device, the QoS parameter on data flows associated with the application layer session by reserving wireless bandwidth for the application layer session according to the allocation of wireless bandwidth resources.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 further comprising
monitoring for a response to the session initiation message forwarded to the session initiation protocol server; and
deallocating the wireless bandwidth reserved for the application layer session, if the response rejects the application layer session.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 further comprising
storing, responsive to detection of the session initiation message, the session initiation message forwarded to the session initiation protocol server;
monitoring for a response accepting the application layer session corresponding to the session initiation message forwarded to the session initiation protocol server;
and wherein the enforcing the QoS parameter is conditioned on the response accepting the session initiation message.

15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the central control element is operative to
monitor for a response to the session initiation message forwarded to the session initiation protocol server;
transmit, if the response rejects the application layer session corresponding to the session initiation message, control signals to cause the first access element to discard the QoS parameters transmitted by the central control element in response to the session initiation message.

16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the central control element is operative to

store, responsive to detection of the session initiation message, the session initiation message forwarded to the session initiation protocol server;

monitor for a response accepting the application layer session corresponding to the session initiation message forwarded to the session initiation protocol server;

and wherein transmission of the one or more QoS parameters to the first access element is conditioned on the response accepting the session initiation message.